Proposed SEVIS Name Conventions

FIELD	CAPTURES	Standards
Family Name/Primary Name	Last name of someone with multiple names The only name for someone without any other names	 Latin alphabet, no hyphen, no apostrophe, no special characters One space between names No LNU, Unknown, Not Applicable UNK, NA require confirmation of being the nonimmigrant's name
Indicator that a person has no name other than the Primary Name	Self-explanatory	Used only if the nonimmigrant has one name.
First Name	Given name of nonimmigrant with more than one name	 Latin Alphabet, no hyphen, no apostrophe, no special characters One space between names No FNU, Unknown, Not Applicable UNK, NA require confirmation of being the nonimmigrant's name
Middle Name	Nonimmigrant's middle name, if applicable	 Latin alphabet, no hyphen, no apostrophe, no special characters One space between names No NMN, MNU, Unknown, Not Applicable UNK, NA require confirmation of being the nonimmigrant's name
Suffix	 Personal suffix (i.e., Jr., Sr., III, etc.), if the individual has one Does not include Professional or educational suffixes (i.e., MD, PhD, SJ, etc.) 	Latin alphabet Period allowed in suffix
Preferred Name	 Nonimmigrant's full name Allows entry of the name used by the school if different from fields above Examples: Susan Zhang as opposed to Yibin Zhang Hélène Müller-Garçon 	 Latin alphabet, hyphen and apostrophe allowed One space between names Comma and one space allowed before suffix Period allowed in suffix Also allowed: alphabetical characters with: ", ^, `, ', °, ,
Passport Name	Name as it appears in the machine readable section of the passport	Latin alphabet, no hyphen, no apostropheOne space between names